

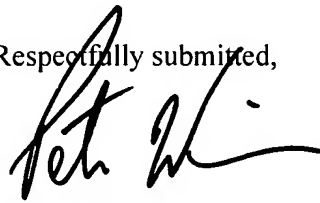
REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Kullok (U.S. Patent Publ. No. 2004/0049124) in view of Ross (U.S. Patent No. 4,162,493). However, the Examiner indicates that claims 8-21 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, claim 8 and intervening claim 7 have been incorporated into base claim 1. Thus, claims 1-21 should be in condition for allowance. Claims 22-30 are non-elected claims, and Applicant authorizes the Examiner to cancel those claims by Examiner's Amendment if the case is otherwise in condition for allowance.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (118097-00102). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fees due are authorized above.

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